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**AGENCY CONTACT MEMORANDUM**

To: Agency CIO's

From: Jim Barnhart, Deputy Commissioner  
Commonwealth Office of Technology

Date: January 21, 2009

Subject: Nortel bankruptcy

Nortel Networks Corp., a major supplier of technology components supporting the commonwealth's information technology infrastructure, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on Wednesday, January 14, 2009.

Executive management team members from the Commonwealth Office of Technology have met with Nortel officials. Nortel has assured us there will be no disruptions in the supply chain or their continued level of support regarding the state's I.T. infrastructure as it seeks relief from creditors in Canadian and U.S. courts.

Officials at COT will continue to closely monitor the company's progress during its restructuring and provide updates to you as the circumstances warrant.